

Thomas Jefferson to William Thornton, Alexander White, and Tristram Dalton, Commissioners, September 3, 1801, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to the Commissioners

Monticello Sep. 3. 1801.

Gentlemen

I take the liberty of referring to you the inclosed application from Bishop Carrol & others for respecting the purchase of a site for a church. it is not for me to interpose in the price of the lots for sale. at the same time none can better than yourselves estimate the considerations of propriety & even of advantage which would urge a just attention to the application, nor better judge of the degree of favor to it which your duties would admit. with yourselves therefore I leave the subject, with assurances of my high consideration & respect.

Th: Jefferson

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